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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOI/GOS PRE-SUHARTO VISIT NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SINGAPORE 3130

1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM JAKARTA (SEE REFTEL)
S.R. NATHAN, DIRECTOR, SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE DIVI-
SION, MINDEF, INFORMED US ON AUGUST 6 THAT GOI NEGOTIATORS
WITH WHOM HE MET IN JAKARTA WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
ONLY A GOI/GOS ACCORD RELATING TO JOINT NAVAL
PATROLLING. THEY TOLD NATHAN THEY COULD NOT DISCUSS
USE OF INDONESIAN AIR SPACE FOR GOS TRAINING PURPOSES
SINCE THEY HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DO SO. FINDING
ATMOSPHERE IN JAKARTA LESS HOSTILE THAN HE HAD
ANTICIPATED, AND NOT WISHING TO ANNOY THOSE INDONESIANS
FRIENDLY TO GOS, NATHAN AGREED TO DISCUSS JOINT NAVAL
PATROLLING AGREEMENT SEPARATELY AS A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH.
HOWEVER, HE SAID HE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE INDONESIANS
THAT AN ACCORD ON PATROLLING COULD NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL
AIR SPACE ISSUE WAS SETTLED. SINCE GOI NEGOTIATORS
WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS AIR SPACE ISSUE IN ANY
FORM AND SAID THEY HAD NOTHING IN WRITING CONCERNING
GOS DESIRES, NATHAN LEFT WITH THEM A HAND-WRITTEN DRAFT

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OF WHAT GOS WANTS IN THIS AREA.

2. NATHAN SAID HIS TEAM AND GOI REPS THEN DISCUSSED SOME OF SUBORDINATE ISSUES INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID INDONESIANS WANTED PATROLLING TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY MIXED TASK FORCES, UNDER ALTERNATING SINGAPOREAN AND INDONESIAN COMMANDERS. NATHAN TOLD GOI REPRESENTATIVES THIS WOULD NOT WORK AS SINGAPORE NAVY WAS TOO INEXPERIENCED. HE COUNTERPROPOSED THAT EACH COUNTRY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROLLING CERTAIN AREAS, PATROLLING OF WHICH WOULD BE COORDINATED, AND WHICH WOULD BE IN THE NATURE OF JOINT OPERATIONS FOCUSED ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS SMUGGLING AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

3. NATHAN CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE UNDER WAY SHOULD NOT IN ANY EVENT BE RELATED TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S PLANNED TRIP TO SINGAPORE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. HE ALSO SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY PROBLEMS WHICH WERE BEING ENCOUNTERED CONCERNING AGREEMENT ON GOS USE OF INDONESIAN AIR SPACE WERE IN ANY WAY RELATED TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOI AND GOS AT THE LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS.
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